

Application No. 10/048,170
Reply to Office Action of July 9, 2003

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

IN THE ABSTRACT

A method to make a mouthpiece body having a predetermined set of desired characteristics for a given application comprises providing a porous ceramic material, infiltrating it with an acrylic resin, and curing the article, wherein the properties of the ceramic material, the acrylic resin, and the infiltration ratio are selected in order to control the modulus of elasticity and internal friction of the mouthpiece.